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## IDHR to Hold Fair Housing Training in Chicago's Austin Neighborhood

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR), in partnership with the Oak Park Regional Housing Authority and State Representative La Shawn Ford (D-Chicago), will hold its free "Fair Housing Training for Landlords" in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago.

The training, conducted by IDHR's Institute for Training and Development, will educate landlords and housing providers on best practices in complying with the fair housing protections under the Illinois Human Rights Act.

"This is an excellent opportunity for a property owner or manager to stay up-to-date with state and federal anti-discrimination laws," said IDHR Director Rocco Claps. "We are thankful for the landlords who are taking the initiative to break down barriers to equal housing in Illinois."

The training will be held on **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the **Columbus Park Refectory.** Attendance is restricted to current or prospective property owners and managers, and attendees must register by emailing <u>IDHR.Training@illinois.gov</u>.

For more information on preventing housing discrimination, please visit <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/dhr">http://www.illinois.gov/dhr</a>.

The Illinois Human Rights Act protects individuals from discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age (40 and over), marital status, disability, military status, order of protection status, familial status, sexual orientation (including gender identity) or unfavorable military discharge.

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